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April 14, 2003 LB 307, 548

LB 548 advance to E & R Initial? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. The motion before the body is to advance LB 548. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 548.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion to advance was successful. Mr. Clerk, next bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, next bill is LB 307. It's by Senator Connealy. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 13, referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee amendments pending.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Schimek, I understand you're authorized to handle the bill. You may open on advancement of LB 307.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President and members. The bill was heard by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee and advanced to General File on a 6 to 0 vote, with two members absent. Senator Connealy brought the bill to us because of some issues that we dealt with last year on the floor. And I don't know if you all recall or not, but Kathy Anstine came before the Claims Board and indicated that she had been involved in an employee suggestion situation where her suggestion was taken, and then she was not given the kind of payment that we usually pay for employee suggestions that are adopted. And I'm not going to go into the details of that particular situation. But I would be happy to if anybody wants to refresh their memory on that. But what the bill does is it requires the director of DAS to include in the annual report details of the operations of the employee suggestion system, including whether the accepted suggestions were implemented, the number of suggestions implemented, and the number of suggestions declined. And suggestions that concern the subject matter of laws, rules, and regulations or policies implemented, or in the process of implementation by the agency, are not eligible for